

9. National Mental Health Programme

This is also a Central scheme to revitalise the Mental Health Programme for upgradation of living conditions in the Mental Hospitals and development of community based Mental Health Programme. Action have been initiated to strengthen some important Mental Hospitals/Institutions in the country like NIMHANS, Bangalore, Mental Hospital Shahdara, Delhi, Mental Hospital at Ranchi and Tazpur etc.

[Translation]

By-Pass on N.H. 24

3916. SHRI SANTOSH KUMAR GANGWAR : Will the Minister of SURFACE TRANSPORT be pleased to state:

(a) whether the Government have received any suggestions/proposals for construction of a by-pass on National Highway-24 linking Bareilly city;

(b) if so, the reasons therefor, and

(c) the progress made in this regard so far and the time by which a final decision is likely to be taken?

THE MINISTER OF SURFACE TRANSPORT (SHRI G. VENKATRAMAN): (a) to (c). The proposal for a by-pass at Bareilly on N.H. 24 is still at the stage of survey and investigation and it is too early to indicate any time frame for a final decision in the matter.

[English]

Fire in Central Drawing Office

3917. SHRI DADA BABURAO PARANJPE: Will the Minister of DEFENCE be pleased to state:

(a) whether the Government are aware of the fire broken out in a Central Drawing Office of the Khamaria ordnance factory, Jabalpur in Madhya Pradesh;

(b) if so, whether any Board of Enquiry was constituted in the matter;

(c) if so, the findings of the enquiry and action taken on the defaulters; and

(d) the total losses incurred by the Government due to fire accidents?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF DEFENCE (SHRI N.V.N. SOMU): (a) and (b). Yes Sir.

(c) As per the findings of the Board of Enquiry, the fire was accidental which occurred due to short circuit of the electrical wiring in the Central Drawing Office of Ordnance Factory Khamaria. The Board has also concluded that the cause of the fire cannot be attributed to negligence on the part of any individual. However, action on implementation of the two remedial measures suggested by the Board of Enquiry has been taken up.

(d) Rs. 12,000/- approx.

Air Force Station for Fighter Aircrafts in Bihar

3918. SHRI RAJIV PRATAP RUDY: Will the Minister of DEFENCE be pleased to state:

(a) whether there are any major Air Force Station for aircrafts of Fighter and Transport Squadrons in the State of Bihar;

(b) if not, the reasons and justification thereof;

(c) whether the Government have plans to develop Purnea, Mirganj and Bihta Air Fields as active base stations; and

(d) if so, the details thereof?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF DEFENCE (SHRI N.V.N. SOMU): (a) There are no major Air Force Stations for fighter and transport aircraft in the State of Bihar.

(b) Purnea and Bihta airfields have runways that can support fighter and transport operations. Both airfields are nominated as diversions for nearby operational airfields.

(c) and (d). There are no plans at present to develop any of these airfields beyond their capabilities. A unit of trainer aircraft is being set up at Bihta.

Unutilised water of Pampa and Idukki Rivers

3919. SHRI A.G.S. RAM BABU: Will the Minister of WATER RESOURCES be pleased to state: